

Bombs were dropped in the region of the town of Aachen.

"Twenty-eight German airplanes were brought down, including two by anti-aircraft defense. Twelve other German machines were seriously damaged and fell within the German lines as the result of aerial engagements."

LORD ROBERT CECIL PREDICTS NEW GERMAN PEACE MOVE

[By Associated Press.]

LONDON, May 3.—In the personal opinion of Lord Robert Cecil, Minister of Blockade, the failure of Germany's "peace offensive" on the western front will result in a big peace offensive, directed mainly against Great Britain and possibly made in attractive form, but which will not afford any terms the allies can look at.

In this opinion, made in a statement to the Associated Press, Lord Robert expressed the further belief that the new peace offensive would be largely for German consumption, because "the rulers of Germany know if they have to rely on their own resources they cannot hold out much longer."

GERMANS CAPTURE 20,000 IN BATTLE IN FINLAND

[By Associated Press.]

BERLIN (via London), May 3.—"In Southwestern Finland we have overwhelmingly defeated the enemy during 'five days' battle, near Lakhti and Tavastus, capturing 20,000 prisoners," says the German official communication issued this evening. "From the other theaters," the communication adds, "there is nothing new to report."

FRENCH AND BRITISH CAPTURE A FEW PRISONERS

LONDON, May 3.—In local fighting last night south of Villers-Bretonneux, says the British official communication issued to-night, "our troops captured a few prisoners."

"The enemy artillery showed considerable activity this morning north of Albert, in the Beaumont-Hamel sector. Apart from artillery activity on both sides on the other part of the front, there is nothing to report."

"Aviation: Although the weather was not a thick haze interfered with the work of our airplanes and artillery. Several important reconnaissances were carried out, and many photographs were taken over the enemy's rear areas."

"Three and one-half tons of bombs were dropped on Bapaume and other targets in the battle area. In severe air fighting fourteen hostile machines were brought down and four others were driven out of control. Five of our machines are missing. Five and one-half tons of bombs were dropped on Chaulmieu, the Thionville railway junction, Bapaume and Caix."

"Three heavy bombs were dropped also on the lockgates of Zebruggue. The Carlinghette works were again hit. Several bursts were observed in the areas bombed. The raiding machines all returned safely."

GERMAN REPORT TELLS OF REPULSE OF ATTACKS

BERLIN (via London), May 3.—The repulse of allied attacks south of Villers-Bretonneux and on the west bank of the Aisne is claimed by the official German day communication. A counter-attack by the Germans netted prisoners, the statement avers. Artillery duels "in isolated sectors" and reconnaissances are reported in the statement.

"The artillery duel was revived in isolated sectors of the battle front. Partial enemy attacks followed preparatory fire south of Villers-Bretonneux, and on the western bank of the Aisne. In a counter-attack we took prisoners. Otherwise infantry activity was limited to reconnaissances."

"In Lorraine lively enemy activity continued."

FRENCH CAPTURE HILL 82, BETWEEN CASTEL AND HAILES

[By Associated Press.]

PARIS, May 3.—The French made an attack late yesterday on the front between Hailes and Castel, southeast of Amiens, and captured hill 82, and the wood on the Aisne River nearby, the War Office announced. The statement follows:

"In the region south of the Villers-Bretonneux there was violent artillery firing by both of the combatants, as well as fairly spirited infantry engagements near the monument, in the course of which the French troops gained some ground."

"South of the Aisne, the French late yesterday carried out a local operation, which met with perfect success. Our troops attacked the German positions between Hailes and Castel in front of about one and one-quarter miles. We took possession of hill 82 and the wood bordering on the Aisne. The number of prisoners taken exceeds 100, including four officers."

FRENCH REPULSE GERMAN RAIDS ON ALETTE RIVER

"In the region of the Alette, the French repulsed a German raiding party. French reconnoitering detachments were active, especially in the Woevre and in Lorraine, bringing back prisoners."

"The military authority of General Poch, as a result of the Italian admission, has been extended to all the western fronts, and the general now becomes commander-in-chief of all the allied armies in the west, says Marcel Hutin, in the Echo de Paris."

M. Hutin saw Premier Clemenceau on his return from the meeting of the supreme war council at Abbeville. The Premier, without going into details, expressed satisfaction with the results of the conference.

"And the situation at the front?" asked the writer.

"General Poch is very optimistic; that's all I can tell you," was the Premier's reply.

AMERICAN LIEUTENANT AWARDED CROSS

[By Associated Press.]

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 3.—Lieutenant William D. Bessinger has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. He commanded a platoon which was attacked by the enemy on April 6. He took measures to defend the platoon, and his men were under fire until he was wounded seriously.

Compelled to attend the wound, the lieutenant refused assistance and walked through a barrage to a dressing station. He objected to being moved to the rear until he knew the suit of the engagement.

In the official announcement it is

Important News Quickly Told

Events From Various Sources Reduced to Minimum Space.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Pearl Kertes, aged eight, and Michael, aged eleven, brother and sister, disappeared separately while on their way to school, are believed to have been kidnapped, and many detectives from the Bureau of Missing Persons are searching for them to-night.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Definite refusal of the Lake Carriers' Association to join other ship owners and operators, including all those of the Atlantic and Pacific coasts and all others of the Great Lakes, in conference here with the marine labor leaders and shipping board officials, marked the session of the conference to-day.

LONDON, May 3.—The Central News correspondent denies German charges to the effect that the British are using soft-shelled bullets. He discredits enemy reports that Field Marshal von Mackensen would command the next blow, heading a new assault with 600,000 fresh troops.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The condition of Anna Held, the actress, became alarmingly worse to-night. A consultation of her attending physicians was hastily called. It was decided that an operation was imperative, and Sunday was decided upon for its performance.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Two great departments of the government announced to-day they were ready to go at once, and deeply into the Borglum charges against the aircraft board.

declared his brave example inspired the men to drive off the enemy, who did not reach the American trenches. Lieutenant Meyer's right hand had to be amputated as results of the wounds he received.

DISPUTES ARISE OVER BREST LITOVSK PEACE TREATY

[By Associated Press.]

MOSCOW, Thursday, April 25 (via Vladivostok, April 26).—The ambiguous wording of the Brest Litovsk peace treaty is causing considerable friction and a constant exchange of protests.

The provision relating to Russian warships stipulating their transfer to Russian ports, and their disarmament, Germany interprets as obliging them not to leave ports and not to cruise in the territorial waters. M. Tchitcherin, the Foreign Minister, objected to this interpretation, and suggested that a commission be appointed to settle the dispute. This was accepted by Germany and the commission will meet in Berlin.

At the same time, Foreign Minister Tchitcherin demanded a guarantee that the Black Sea fleet, a report of whose capture by the Germans has not been confirmed, be given immunity in the Crimea.

Germany has refused to admit into the territories occupied by her 300,000 starving refugees, who are gathered near the frontiers, as requested repeatedly by the Russian Foreign Minister.

It is reported from Irkutsk that China is claiming territory near Chita. The Siberian Soviet government has protested to the Chinese government.

GERMANY'S METHODS CAUSE OF AIMED CLASHES

Germany's barbarous treatment of the inhabitants of occupied territories and constant requisitioning of food are provoking great resentment and causing armed clashes. In a village in the Kiev district the inhabitants resisted the Germans for three days with machine guns and rifles, and were subdued by the use of armored cars.

In the government of Minsk the Germans seized able-bodied persons in the street and in their homes and are sending them to Germany in locked cars. Those trying to escape are shot.

Inhabitants, panic-stricken, have gone into hiding. Streets in the towns and cities are armed camps, with patrols of troops and machine guns everywhere.

PRUSSIAN LOWER HOUSE REJECTS WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE

[By Associated Press.]

AMSTERDAM, Thursday, May 2.—Votes taken in the Prussian lower house to-day involved the rejection of Socialist Brauns's proposal of the right to vote, beginning with the twentieth birthday, without distinction of sex, and the acceptance of a committee resolution providing for plural voting.

INTERALLIED WAR COUNCIL COMES TO END AT VERSAILLES

PARIS, May 3.—The two-day session of the interallied supreme war council came to an end to-night at Versailles. Premier Clemenceau, of France, presided at the session. Those present were:

For the United States—Generals Pershing and Bliss.

For Great Britain—Premier Lloyd George, Lord Milner, Field Marshal Haig, Generals Sackville-West and Wilson, Admiral Wemyss.

For France—Generals Foch, Robitau, Vellin and Betain, Admiral Debon.

For Italy—Premier Orlando.

GERMANS OCCUPY TAGANROG, ON THE SEA OF AZOV

BERLIN (via London), May 3.—The German army, which marched eastward from Odessa, has occupied Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov, the War Office announced to-night.

The text of the statement follows: "From the Bzestriynsk-Khar'kov line we marched into the Donetz region. We occupied Taganrog, on the Sea of Azov."

MERCY! SHE KISSED COP!

Young Chicago Woman, "Invited" to Leave Trenton, Bids Farewell to Officer.

TRENTON, N. J., May 3.—A Chicago woman, a blond, young and attractive, was "invited" to leave the city by authorities making a "clean-up." A plain clothes man placed her aboard a train for New York. As the train pulled out she kissed the "cop" good-bye.

Help Wanted

Employers use this column to fill good positions; employees read it to secure good positions. It gets results either way. To insert an ad phone Randolph 1.

CLAIM GERMANY HAS 6,000,000 MEN ARMED

Half of That Number Now Engaged on Western Front Is Belief.

MOVE FROM ITALIAN LINE

Troops Are Being Withdrawn From Russian Theater to Fill Gaps Made in Ranks at Somme and Flanders Regions.

WASHINGTON, May 3.—What is regarded in military circles here as a close and accurate estimate places the present fighting strength of Germany on all fronts, at training depots and in reserve at 6,000,000 men.

This force the authorities here divide as follows: On the western front, including those south of the scene of the present offensive, 2,000,000.

In Finland, operating with the White Guard, 100,000.

On the Russian, Ukrainian and Balkan fronts, 900,000. Troops held in reserve for all fronts, 2,000,000. This number includes returned prisoners of war, replacement battalions, including the youngest classes called to the colors, men on the coast fortifications, sailors and marines.

All the troops which have been on the Italian front, it is declared, have been moved by Germany to the western theater. For this reason they are not looking for any enemy offensive against Italy. Nor, it is stated, is Germany in a position to undertake an offensive on any but the western front.

Commenting to-day on the main power, one of the best informed of the foreign military experts stationed now in Washington said that Germany was still withdrawing troops from the Russian front in desperate efforts to fill the gaps that the allies are constantly making in her lines on the western front. At the present rate at which German casualties are piling up, the prediction is made that ultimately all the replacement reserves that Hindenburg has will be thrown into the western campaign.

With considerations of this kind before it, the interallied war conference, which has just adjourned at Paris, it is indicated, has decided against any still withdrawing troops from the Russian front in desperate efforts to fill the gaps that the allies are constantly making in her lines on the western front.

At the present rate at which German casualties are piling up, the prediction is made that ultimately all the replacement reserves that Hindenburg has will be thrown into the western campaign.

MODERN BRUNHILDA

Man Sleeps and SnORES While Bedding Burns in Hotel Room.

NEWTON, N. J., May 3.—He slumbered deeply and loudly in his room at the Waldmere Hotel. After a little while, a cigarette butt that he had dropped ignited the mattress. He continued to sleep, while little flames ran along its edge and the room filled with smoke.

The man in the next room began to choke and traced the fire to the door of the slumberer. He entered to find the mattress afire, with its occupant stretched calm and still like Brunhilda on her pyre—only Brunhilda did not snore.

The intruder picked up the pitcher and emptied its contents on the modern Brunhilda, who stirred, muttered drowsily, and slept again. The fire was out, to all appearance, and the rescuer left, pursued by the snores of the rescued.

Five hours later the man in the next room appealed to the management. "He's afire again," he complained, "and I can't wake him up."

It took two strong men to rouse him sufficiently for him to slide off the burning mattress.

BAKER STUDIES REPORT

Borglum Charges on Aircraft Production Are Being Considered.

[By Associated Press.]

WASHINGTON, May 3.—Secretary Baker announced late to-day that he was studying the report on aircraft production, made by Gutson Borglum. Mr. Baker said he not only had the Borglum charges, but all other information reaching the War Department in connection with the aviation program, but that he had not yet reached any conclusion on the subject. There probably will be no action until the complete report of the special committee, headed by Snowden Marshall, of New York, and appointed by President Wilson to investigate the aircraft situation, is submitted to the President.

LAD STARTS FOR FRANCE

With \$120 in His Pocket, He Decides to Whip the Kaiser—Too Far to Walk.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 3.—Thomas Alfred Taylor, aged nine, listened to "teacher" in the little schoolhouse near Barberton, Ohio, and was fired with the ambition to whip the Kaiser. The tales of German atrocities angered him and when he found \$120 on the table at home he took it and started for France. He got as far as Cleveland, when his money ran out, and an officer found him asleep in a doorway in the downtown section. "It's too far to walk to France, I guess," he said; "but I'd like to lick the Kaiser."

BELLANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. Druggists refund money if it fails. 25c

The author of "Bambi" has written another, even better book.

THE THRESHOLD

By MARJORIE BENTON COOKE. Net, \$1.00. DOUBLEDAY, PAGE & CO.

He loved Germany, but he loved right more

RIGHT ABOVE RACE

By OTTO H. KAHN

Mr. Kahn speaks in this book for all those Americans of German birth or German origin who, like himself, feel that an evil rulership and military caste have robbed him and them of the Germany they loved and in which they took a just pride. He reveals many startling facts about the war new to most Americans—facts that came to him as a result of his international connections. "Right Above Race" is a terrible indictment of blood-stained Prussianism and an inspiring confession of patriotic Americanism.

Price 75 cents. All bookstores

PUBLISHED BY THE CENTURY CO. NEW YORK CITY

How One Filled Out Questionnaire

This Soldier Gave His Draft Board Some Inside Facts.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 3.—A San Francisco youth who recently enlisted in the army was sent a questionnaire by a local draft board, and it was forwarded to him in France.

Buttfully, he sat down and filled it out. Here are some of the questions and his answers as they were received by the draft board:

Q. Are you an expert in any occupation?

A. Fighting Huns with a bayonet.

Q. What language do you speak?

A. Pigeon French.

Q. What enterprise are you engaged in?

A. Fighting Huns.

Q. State the name under which the enterprise is conducted.

A. European war.

Q. What is produced by said enterprise?

A. Hell.

Q. How many persons are employed in the plant where you work?

A. Ten million.

Q. Are you engaged in an agricultural enterprise?

A. Growing "no man's land."

Q. Are you an employee or managing head of the enterprise?

A. Rear of enterprise.

Q. State the kind of farm.

A. No farm.

Q. What branch of the work are you engaged in?

A. Digging trenches.

Q. What is produced by that branch?

A. Shell craters.

Q. State the number and kind of live stock on the land.

A. Crumbs and other vermin; also Huns.

Q. How many persons live on the land?

A. NONE, VERY LONG.

WET AND DRY STATUS OF TOWN IN DISPUTE

Canvassing Board Burns Ballots Before Recount of Vote on License Question.

MADISON, Wis., May 3.—Is the town of Verona wet or dry? It went dry for four votes at the election April 9, but ten days later a saloonkeeper filed a petition demanding a recount on the ground that the votes had not been properly scheduled. The recount was decided on and then it was discovered that the canvassing board had burned the ballots. Attorneys say that the town is dry, but the buffet proprietors demand the proof and the attorneys can't produce it.

SAUERKRAUT DISAPPEARS

Manufacturers Say Consumption Has Fallen Off 75 Per Cent Since We Went to War.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Popular wrath against the "Kaiser, Kultur, and Kabbage" is driving sauerkraut off the American dinner table.

Sauerkraut manufacturers here decided to appeal to the Federal food administration to save it by putting it on a new slogan—"Eat Liberty cabbage."

Since the United States entered the war the consumption of sauerkraut in this country has fallen off fully 75 per cent, they say, and they have enormous stocks on their hands, which they cannot market.

The price has dropped already to \$12 and \$13 a barrel of forty-five gallons (from \$35 to \$50 a barrel a little more than a year ago).

STARTS LONG SWIM

Bibulous Sailor Lands in Hospital After Swallowing Much Salt Water.

SEATTLE, WASH., May 3.—When Jack Watts, twenty-four, a sailor on one of Uncle Sam's torpedo-boats, dived to a pier here and started to swim to the training ship Philadelphia, eighteen miles away, he started something he couldn't finish. When fished out of the bay he expressed his pleasure at having been saved the long journey. Jack took into his system considerable quantities of salt water along with other liquids he had been imbibing, and they didn't mix well. He was taken to the city hospital for bailing purposes.

Scouts Sell Bonds From Tank

Troop No. 34, Boy Scouts of America, conducted a Liberty loan drive last night at Fifth and Broad Streets, using the Scout "tank" which was used in the recent theft parade.

GERMANS USE MANY DIVISIONS IN DRIVE

Information Discloses Thirty-Five of Fresh Troops and Nine Others Fought.

POSITION FAVORS ALLIES

Propaganda Used Now in Place of Bullets and Deadly Gas to Create Dissatisfaction Among the Various Forces.

BY FLOYD McGRUFF.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, May 3.—From an authoritative source I learn that the Germans used on the Flanders fighting front thirty-five fresh divisions, in addition to nine which were in line when the battle began.

The whole position on the western front is becoming more favorable for the allies. If the enemy continues his offensive without gaining a strategic advantage he must impair his chances of gaining his main object, which is the separation of the French and British armies.

Since April 25 the Germans have advanced only to a depth of from a mile and a half to two miles on a seven-mile front. Their only important success was the capture of Mount Kemmel, their efforts to outflank the other heights failing completely.

Of late, the Germans have been endeavoring to make up for the lack of military success by a propaganda to create ill feeling among the allies. They have spread the story, for instance, that the Australians are placed by the British commander in chief in the most dangerous places, suffering the greatest losses thereby. The truth is that of thirty-one British divisions, each lost more lives than all Australian units combined.

Similar stories are spread regarding the transfer of English troops from Amiens "exposing the French," and about alleged British complaining that

the French lost Kemmel. All these stories are denied officially as having no foundation in fact whatsoever.

The allied high command knew that neither the French nor the British were able to hold their ground unaided against the full brunt of the German blow.

It is rumored that Field Marshal von Mackensen is to lead a new drive on the west front. In Germany it has become a tradition to suppose that Mackensen appears in the psychological moment to give the coup de grace when the Germans are about to suffer an overwhelming defeat.

Declared a Combler.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The Victor Talking Machine Company was to-day declared a combination in restraint of trade and commerce in violation of the Sherman antitrust law. The decision was reached by Judge Augustus N. Hand in the Federal District Court, who signed a final decree and issued the customary dissolution restraining orders.

Help Wanted

Employers use this column to fill good positions; employees read it to secure good positions. It gets results either way. To insert an ad phone Randolph 1.

Since the Wednesday Club Concerts, Hundreds Have Asked To Hear Chalmers' Edison Re-creations

If Chalmers stood beside the New Edison singing, in comparison with his re-creations, you couldn't tell the difference—a tone test which no other talking machine has ever offered.

You have heard Chalmers, now hear the Edison re-creation of his voice.

WET AND DRY STATUS OF TOWN IN DISPUTE

Canvassing Board Burns Ballots Before Recount of Vote on License Question.

MADISON, Wis., May 3.—Is the town of Verona wet or dry? It went dry for four votes at the election April 9, but ten days later a saloonkeeper filed a petition demanding a recount on the ground that the votes had not been properly scheduled. The recount was decided on and then it was discovered that the canvassing board had burned the ballots. Attorneys say that the town is dry, but the buffet proprietors demand the proof and the attorneys can't produce it.

SAUERKRAUT DISAPPEARS

Manufacturers Say Consumption Has Fallen Off 75 Per Cent Since We Went to War.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Popular wrath against the "Kaiser, Kultur, and Kabbage" is driving sauerkraut off the American dinner table.

Sauerkraut manufacturers here decided to appeal to the Federal food administration to save it by putting it on a new slogan—"Eat Liberty cabbage."

Since the United States entered the war the consumption of sauerkraut in this country has fallen off fully 75 per cent, they say, and they have enormous stocks on their hands, which they cannot market.

The price has dropped already to \$12 and \$13 a barrel of forty-five gallons (from \$35 to \$50 a barrel a little more than a year ago).

STARTS LONG SWIM

Bibulous Sailor Lands in Hospital After Swallowing Much Salt Water.

SEATTLE, WASH., May 3.—When Jack Watts, twenty-four, a sailor on one of Uncle Sam's torpedo-boats, dived to a pier here and started to swim to the training ship Philadelphia, eighteen miles away, he started something he couldn't finish. When fished out of the bay he expressed his pleasure at having been saved the long journey. Jack took into his system considerable quantities of salt water along with other liquids he had been imbibing, and they didn't mix well. He was taken to the city hospital for bailing purposes.

Scouts Sell Bonds From Tank

Troop No. 34, Boy Scouts of America, conducted a Liberty loan drive last night at Fifth and Broad Streets, using the Scout "tank" which was used in the recent theft parade.

the French lost Kemmel. All these stories are denied officially as having no foundation in fact whatsoever.

The allied high command knew that neither the French nor the British were able to hold their ground unaided against the full brunt of the German blow.

It is rumored that Field Marshal von Mackensen is to lead a new drive on the west front. In Germany it has become a tradition to suppose that Mackensen appears in the psychological moment to give the coup de grace when the Germans are about to suffer an overwhelming defeat.

Declared a Combler.

NEW YORK, May 3.—The Victor Talking Machine Company was to-day declared a combination in restraint of trade and commerce in violation of the Sherman antitrust law. The decision was reached by Judge Augustus N. Hand in the Federal District Court, who signed a final decree and issued the customary dissolution restraining orders.

Help Wanted

Employers use this column to fill good positions; employees read it to secure good positions. It gets results either way. To insert an ad phone Randolph 1.

Since the Wednesday Club Concerts, Hundreds Have Asked To Hear Chalmers' Edison Re-creations

If Chalmers stood beside the New Edison singing, in comparison with his re-creations, you couldn't tell the difference—a tone test which no other talking machine has ever offered.

You have heard Chalmers, now hear the Edison re-creation of his voice.

WET AND DRY STATUS OF TOWN IN DISPUTE

Canvassing Board Burns Ballots Before Recount of Vote on License Question.

MADISON, Wis., May 3.—Is the town of Verona wet or dry? It went dry for four votes at the election April 9, but ten days later a saloonkeeper filed a petition demanding a recount on the ground that the votes had not been properly scheduled. The recount was decided on and then it was discovered that the canvassing board had burned the ballots. Attorneys say that the town is dry, but the buffet proprietors demand the proof and the attorneys can't produce it.

SAUERKRAUT DISAPPEARS

Manufacturers Say Consumption Has Fallen Off 75 Per Cent Since We Went to War.

NEW YORK, May 3.—Popular wrath against the "Kaiser, Kultur, and Kabbage" is driving sauerkraut off the American dinner table.

Sauerkraut manufacturers here decided to appeal to the Federal food administration to save it by putting it on a new slogan—"Eat Liberty cabbage."

Since the United States entered the war the consumption of sauerkraut in this country has fallen off fully 75 per cent, they say, and they have enormous stocks on their hands, which they cannot market.

The price has dropped already to \$12 and \$13 a